

This is Us

THE CHURCH DEFINED

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2 Cor 5:15

and He died for all, so that they who live might
no longer live for themselves, but for Him who
died and rose again on their behalf.

Why Serving???

A volunteer 'thinks' about giving of their time,
energy or resources.

A servant does what his/her Master tells them.

The foundation and right motivation for
serving is in the Gospel

Matt 20:24-25

And hearing this, the ten became indignant with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them.

Matt 20:26-28

"It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many."

John 13:1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 13:2

During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him,

John 13:3-4

Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

John 13:5-6

Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, "Lord, do You wash my feet?"

John 13:7-8

Jesus answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." Peter said to Him, "Never shall You wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

John 13:9-10

Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head." Jesus said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

John 13:11

For He knew the one who was betraying Him;
for this reason He said, "Not all of you are
clean."

John 13:12-13

So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.

John 13:14-15

"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

John 13:16-17

"Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

1. We don't get the option of choosing when we are to serve.

Many allow their circumstances to keep
them from serving others

2. We don't get the option of who we
are to serve

Not one of them were someone
I would **feel** like serving

I need to serve where and how I feel most comfortable.

I need to feel appreciated when I serve.

I need to see results from serving.

I feel I need to serve where I'm 'gifted'.

I don't feel comfortable serving certain kinds
of people.

I need to feel a passion for the thing or
area I serve in.

3. Our position in life doesn't give us the 'right' to opt out of serving